

REMARKSAmendmentments to the Specification and Claims.

The title and Claims 1 and 18 have been amended to correct the word "anisotropic". No new matter has been added.

Information Disclosure Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed currently with the application on July 27, 2001. Entry of the IDS is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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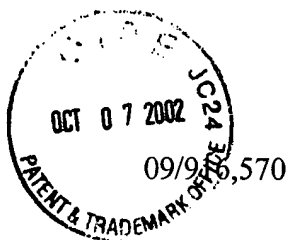
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MARKED UP VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

Specification Amendments Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1)(iii)

Replace the title of the application at page 1, line 1, with the following marked up by way of bracketing and underlining to show the changes relative to the previous version of the title.

METHOD FOR FORMING [ANISOTROPIC] ANISOTROPIC METAL PARTICLES

Replace the heading at page 18, line 1, with the following marked up by way of bracketing and underlining to show the changes relative to the previous version of the heading.

METHOD FOR FORMING [ANISOTROPIC] ANISOTROPIC METAL PARTICLES

Claim Amendments Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii)

1. (Amended) A powder comprising metal containing or metal alloy containing [anisotropic]anisotropic particles, wherein said powder is produced by a method comprising the steps of:
  - (a) heating a starting powder consisting essentially of non-dendritic metal or metal alloy containing particles under conditions suitable for initial stage sintering, thereby forming a lightly sintered material; and
  - (b) breaking the lightly sintered material, thereby producing a powder comprising [anisotropic] anisotropic particles having irregular morphology, said particles comprising aggregated and fused non-dendritic metal or metal alloy containing particles having an air-laid density which is lower than the air-laid density of said starting powder.
  
18. (Amended) A powder comprising metal containing or metal alloy containing [anisotropic]anisotropic metal particles having irregular morphology, said particles comprising aggregated and fused non-dendritic metal or metal alloy containing particles.